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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method of forming a tamper evident seal on a plastic bag containing a loaf of bread comprising the steps of:

flattening a portion of the neck of the bag adjacent the open end of the bag;

gripping spaced portions of the bag between a pair of horizontally spaced upper belts and a pair of horizontally spaced lower belts, said horizontally spaced upper and lower belts being arranged to engage spaced portions on the neck of a bag such that the neck bridges space between the belts;

forming a row of perforations across the neck of the bag between the loaf of bread in the bag and the open end of the bag neck;

forming first and second sealed strips on spaced portions on the neck that bridges space between the belts on the segment of the flattened portion adjacent opposite sides of the row of perforations, such that the loaf of bread in the bag is not accessible without removing the first sealed strip and opening the neck of the bag along the second sealed strip.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (CANCELLED)

4. (CANCELLED)